

CIVIL COVER SHEET

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

THE STEPPING STONES GROUP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff New Castle County
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

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DEFENDANTS

AMETHOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS, a California corporation

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Contra Costa County
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

1 U.S. Government Plaintiff 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
 2 U.S. Government Defendant 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

PTF	DEF	PTF	DEF
Citizen of This State	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4
Citizen of Another State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 5
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 3	Foreign Nation	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 6

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
110 Insurance	PERSONAL INJURY	PERSONAL INJURY	625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC § 881	375 False Claims Act
120 Marine	310 Airplane	365 Personal Injury – Product Liability	422 Appeal 28 USC § 158	376 Qui Tam (31 USC § 3729(a))
130 Miller Act	315 Airplane Product Liability	367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability	423 Withdrawal 28 USC § 157	400 State Reapportionment
140 Negotiable Instrument	320 Assault, Libel & Slander	330 Federal Employers' Liability		410 Antitrust
150 Recovery of Overpayment Of Veteran's Benefits	340 Marine	345 Marine Product Liability		430 Banks and Banking
151 Medicare Act	350 Motor Vehicle	355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability		450 Commerce
152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans)	360 Other Personal Injury	370 Other Fraud		460 Deportation
153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits	362 Personal Injury -Medical Malpractice	371 Truth in Lending		470 Racketeer Influenced & Corrupt Organizations
160 Stockholders' Suits		380 Other Personal Property Damage		480 Consumer Credit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract		385 Property Damage Product Liability		485 Telephone Consumer Protection Act
195 Contract Product Liability	CIVIL RIGHTS	PRISONER PETITIONS	420 Copyrights	490 Cable/Sat TV
196 Franchise	440 Other Civil Rights	HABEAS CORPUS	830 Patent	850 Securities/Commodities/ Exchange
REAL PROPERTY	441 Voting	463 Alien Detainee	835 Patent—Abbreviated New Drug Application	
210 Land Condemnation	442 Employment	510 Motions to Vacate Sentence	840 Trademark	
220 Foreclosure	443 Housing/ Accommodations	530 General	880 Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016	
230 Rent Lease & Ejectment	445 Amer. w/Disabilities— Employment	535 Death Penalty		
240 Torts to Land	446 Amer. w/Disabilities—Other	OTHER	SOCIAL SECURITY	
245 Tort Product Liability	448 Education	540 Mandamus & Other	861 HIA (1395ff)	
290 All Other Real Property		550 Civil Rights	862 Black Lung (923)	
		555 Prison Condition	863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g))	
		560 Civil Detainee— Conditions of Confinement	864 SSID Title XVI	
			865 RSI (405(g))	
			FEDERAL TAX SUITS	
			462 Naturalization Application	870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant)
			465 Other Immigration Actions	871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC § 7609

V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

1 Original Proceeding 2 Removed from State Court 3 Remanded from Appellate Court 4 Reinstated or Reopened 5 Transferred from Another District (specify) 6 Multidistrict Litigation—Transfer 8 Multidistrict Litigation—Direct File

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):

28 U.S.C. 1332(a)(1)

Brief description of cause:

breach of written contract, account stated, open book, implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, and quantum meruit

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, Fed. R. Civ. P. DEMAND \$ 518,193.64

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:
JURY DEMAND: Yes No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S), IF ANY (See instructions):

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

IX. DIVISIONAL ASSIGNMENT (Civil Local Rule 3-2)

(Place an "X" in One Box Only)

SAN FRANCISCO/OAKLAND

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EUREKA-MCKINLEYVILLE

DATE 01/13/2023

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

/s/ Jeffrey M. Goldman